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### Rule 1000: Ennoblement Program Rules

- A. Animal Eligibility
  - i. The ABGA ennoblement program is open to animals in the following categories of registration:
    - a. ABGA registered Fullblood doe (FB; 100%)
    - b. ABGA registered Purebred doe (15/16; 93.75%)
    - c. ABGA registered Fullblood buck (FB; 100%)
    - d. ABGA registered Purebred buck (31/32; 96.88% or higher)
  - ii. Any animal owned by an individual whose membership has been denied or revoked is ineligible for Ennoblement.
  - iii. ABGA sanctioned show exhibitors are to present a valid ABGA registration paper at show entry for tracking of placing.
  - iv. Animals are required to meet inspection and point requirements as listed in the Ennoblement Requirements (Rule 1000.E.) to receive ennoblement status.
  - v. Non-inspected animals can achieve ennobled status through their progeny. This requirement includes but is not limited to deceased ABGA registered Fullblood & Purebred bucks and does. A minimum of three (3) progeny (sons and/or daughters) are required to contribute points to the parent.
  - vi. The progeny, registered Fullblood/Purebred sons and/or daughters as defined in Rule 1000.A.i, may begin earning points for their sire and/or dam as well as themselves either through ABGA sanctioned shows or performance testing.
  - vii.
  - viii. Progeny is defined as the direct offspring of a buck or doe, i.e., sons and daughters (not grandsons and granddaughters).
  - ix. The progeny may come from live coverage, artificial insemination and embryo transfer.
- B. Points at ABGA Sanctioned Shows
  - i. Points are awarded based on ABGA judges' placement of animals at an ABGA sanctioned show.
  - ii. Animals entered into an ABGA sanctioned show will be judged against the ABGA established Breed Standards.
  - iii. ABGA cannot change placing without written authorization from the show secretary and one other show official.
  - iv. A formal show report containing the animals' names, ABGA registration numbers, tattoos, the total number of animals exhibited in the show and in each class shall be completed by the show secretary and submitted to the ABGA office within 30 days of the show.
  - v. The overall Grand and Reserve Champions of ABGA sanctioned shows will receive additional points correlating with the total number of Fullblood or Purebred animals exhibited in their gender division.
  - vi. Junior, Yearling, and Senior Division Champions shall receive additional points based on the number of animals exhibited in their gender division.
  - vii. Placing by non-traditional animals prior to July 1, 2004 will not be awarded points.
  - viii. Points will be awarded as shown in the Sanctioned show Points Charts under Rule 1400.
- C. Points at the ABGA National Show
  - i. Points awarded by ABGA at the ABGA National Show will be subject to the requirements posted in the ABGA National Show rules.
  - ii. Animals entered into an ABGA National Show will be judged against the ABGA established Breed Standards.
  - iii. Junior, Yearling, and Senior Grand Champion and Junior, Yearling, and Senior Reserve of the ABGA National Show will receive class points and Champion points according to the published scale for number of animals exhibited in their gender division of the National Show.
  - iv. National Grand and National Reserve Champions of the ABGA National Show will receive an additional fifty (50) and thirty (30) points respectively.
  - v. Placing by non-traditional animals prior to July 1, 2004 will not be awarded points
  - vi. Points for the ABGA National Show will be awarded based on the following schedule:

ABGA National Show Class Points	
# Exhibited in Class	

ABGA National Show Champion Points				
# Exhibited in FB/PB	Junior & Senior	Junior & Senior	National Grand	National Reserve



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	Placing in Class					
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
10 or fewer	5					
11 to 25	10	5				
26 to 50	15	10	5			
51 to 100	20	15	10	5		
101 to 175	25	20	15	10	5	
176 or more	30	25	20	15	10	5

Gender Division	Grand Champion	Reserve Champion	Champion	Champion
10 or fewer	5		50	30
11 to 25	10	5		
26 to 50	15	10		
51 to 100	20	15		
101 to 175	25	20		
176 or more	30	25		

### D. Performance Testing Points

- i. Bucks entered into an ABGA Approved Performance Gain Test are required to be ABGA registered as Fullblood or Purebred to receive points.
- ii. The performance test average (ADG) for bucks entered is required to be greater than or equal to 3/10 (.3) pounds per day in order for points to be awarded
- iii. *Points will be awarded as shown in the Performance Test Points Chart (Rule 1200).*
- iv. See rules governing the ABGA Performance Testing Program (Rule 1200).

### E. Ennoblement Requirements

- i. *Inspected Ennoblement*
  - a. *Animal is required to meet the visual inspection rules of ABGA (Rule 1100)*
  - b. A combined total of eighty (80) points from subject animal and progeny is required for ennoblement
  - c. Minimum number of progeny required to pass visual inspection is *three (3)*
  - d. Minimum ABGA points earned by each individual inspected progeny is *five (5)*
  - e. Minimum points from the total of *three (3)* or more progeny is *thirty (30)*
  - f. The animal can not contribute more than *fifty (50)* points toward its own ennoblement
- ii. Uninspected animal, including those that are deceased
  - a. *Animal is not required to meet the visual inspections rules of ABGA*
  - b. A *combined* total of one hundred (100) points must be earned by the *animal and* progeny
  - c. Minimum number of progeny required is *three (3)*
  - d. Minimum ABGA points earned by each individual inspected progeny is *five (5)*
  - e. Minimum points from the total of *three (3)* or more progeny is *thirty (30)*
  - f. *The animal can not contribute more than seventy (70) points toward its own ennoblement*

## Rule 1100: Visual Inspection

### A. General Inspection Requirements

- i. Visual inspection services are provided by ABGA approved inspectors.
- ii. The Breed Standards as established by the ABGA will provide the indices for visual inspection.
- iii. The inspector will assign a visual inspection status of pass or fail.
- iv. After two (2) failed visual inspections, the animal is not eligible for re-inspection and is ineligible for ennoblement as outlined in Rule 1000.E.i, but may still be eligible for ennoblement as outlined in Rule 1000.E.ii.
- v. Beginning January 1, 2005, animals will require two (2) inspectors to pass visual inspection in order for the animal to be eligible to contribute points toward ennoblement.
- vi. In the event two (2) inspectors disagree on the visual inspection status of the animal, a third (3rd) inspector will determine final visual inspection status of that animal.
- vii. The earliest a buck or doe may be visually inspected is ten (10) months of age.
- viii. The animal is required to be registered with ABGA at the time of inspection.
- ix. Upon passing the first visual inspection, a certificate will be issued to the owner indicating the passing status of the animal.
- x. Upon passing a second visual inspection, a certificate will be issued declaring the animal eligible for consideration for ennoblement as outlined in Rule 1000.E.i.

### B. Inspector and Member Requirements

- i. The member requesting the inspection bears the responsibility of meeting the inspection rules and regulations for tattoos, age of animal and ownership.
- ii. Members seeking inspection services are required to review the animal's prior ownership (previous owners and breeder) to ensure the inspector is eligible to provide inspection services.
- iii. The member requesting the inspection will incur the total cost of inspection. ABGA does not pay the inspector for travel or other expenses incurred during inspection.



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- iv. The member requesting the inspection will submit the inspection form signed by an approved inspector with proper fees to the ABGA office for recording of inspection classification. Inspectors will submit a copy of the inspection report to the ABGA office within 30 days of the inspection date.
- v. Inspectors will be provided visual inspection stamps to record visual inspection status on the back of the certificate. Inspectors must stamp the back of the ABGA registration certificate with their current ABGA-issued inspection stamp and circle PASS or FAIL to indicate the visual inspection status of the animal.
- vi. Inspectors will sign and date the back of the certificate in close proximity to the visual inspection status.
- vii. Inspectors are required to list failed animals on the inspection form and charge for failed animals.
- viii. Inspection services are to be paid in full by the member before inspections are recorded.
- ix. Inspection services can not be provided by an inspector if the inspector currently owns, has ever owned, or is the breeder of the animal to be inspected.
- x. The inspector is not eligible to inspect direct progeny (sons or daughters) of a parent(s) currently or previously owned by the inspector.
- xi. The inspector is not eligible to inspect parents of progeny currently or previously owned by the inspector.
- xii. Inspection services can not be provided by an inspector for an immediate family member.
- xiii. Inspectors who are immediate family (i.e. spouse, sister, brother, son, daughter, in-law) may not inspect the same animal.

### **Rule 1200: Performance Test Rules and Regulations**

- A. ABGA Performance Test Requirements
  - i. The performance test must be open to buck kids only.
  - ii. The test must be conducted under the supervision of a disinterested agency, such as a State Agricultural Institution, State Extension Agency, etc.
  - iii. The test must be between *60 and 90* days long.
  - iv. Bucks must be less than 6 months old at the start of the test.
  - v. The test must be open to all who wish to participate and have qualifying animals.
  - vi. Testing procedures and any requested deviations from these requirements must be submitted in writing to the ABGA Board of Directors for approval at least 3 months prior to the start of the test.
  - vii. A final Test Report *including the total number of animals on test as well as the total number of ABGA registered animals on test* will be submitted by the test supervision to the ABGA Office within 90 days of the conclusion of the test.
  - viii. *The final test report must include the following data for each ABGA registered animal on test:*
    - a. *ABGA registration number*
    - b. *Name, as registered with ABGA*
    - c. *Tattoos*
    - d. *Date of Birth*
    - e. *Owner*
    - f. *Date weighed and animal weight at the start of the test period*
    - g. *Date weighed and animal weight at the end of the test period*
    - h. *Calculated Average Daily Gain (ADG) used to determine ADG ranking*
  - ix. *It is suggested, but not required, that when available, the following end of test data also be included in the final test report for each ABGA registered animal on test:*
    - a. *Birth type*
    - b. *Rib eye area*
    - c. *Loin eye area*
    - d. *Rear leg circumference*
    - e. *Fat thickness*
    - f. *Scrotal circumference*
    - g. *Height at withers*
    - h. *Feed efficiency*
    - i. *Final animal index score*
  - x. It is suggested, but not required that at least 4 animals by one sire be entered in the same test.



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- B. *Performance Test Support (All performance test support is at the discretion of ABGA)*
- i. *Performance test support will be available only to performance tests approved by ABGA in accordance with Rule 1200.A after January 1, 2014.*
  - ii. *ABGA will provide monetary support to the testing agency to be allocated to awards.*
  - iii. *ABGA will provide cash payouts for the top performing ABGA registered Fullblood or Purebred bucks entered in ABGA approved performance tests.*
- C. *Ennobled Herd Book Points*
- i. *Only bucks entered under their ABGA registration number in an approved Performance Test will be eligible to earn points from a Performance Test as described in the ABGA Criteria for Ennoblement of a Boer Goat. (See Rule 1000, Ennoblement Program)*
  - ii. *Points for approved Performance Tests will be awarded to top performing Fullblood or Purebred bucks based on their Average Daily Gain (ADG) ranking among the other Fullblood and Purebred bucks on test, according to the following chart:*

ABGA Performance Test Points										
# ABGA Registered Bucks on Test	ADG Rank Among ABGA Registered Bucks on Test									
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
1 to 3	1									
4 to 5	2	1								
6 to 7	3	2	1							
8 to 9	4	3	2	1						
10	5	4	3	2	1					
11 to 25	10	5	4	3	2	1				
26 to 50	15	10	5	4	3	2	1			
51 to 100	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1		
101 to 175	25	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1	
176 or more	30	25	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1

- iii. *Additional points for ABGA approved Performance Tests will be awarded to top performing bucks, based on individual Average Daily Gain (ADG), using the following schedule:*
  - a. *Bucks gaining 0.55 lbs./day to less than 0.60 lbs./day shall be awarded 1 point.*
  - b. *Bucks gaining 0.60 lbs./day to less than 0.65 lbs./day shall be awarded 2 points.*
  - c. *Bucks gaining 0.65 lbs./day to less than 0.70 lbs./day shall be awarded 3 points.*
  - d. *Bucks gaining 0.70 lbs./day to less than 0.75 lbs./day shall be awarded 4 points.*
  - e. *Bucks gaining 0.75 lbs./day to less than 0.80 lbs./day shall be awarded 5 points.*
  - f. *Bucks gaining 0.80 lbs./day or more shall be awarded 6 points, plus an additional 1 point for each additional 0.01 lbs./day over 0.80 lbs./day.*
- iv. *Example: If a buck is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> on test with an ADG of 0.92 lbs./day in an approved Performance Test having a total of 20 Fullblood or Purebred bucks on test, he shall be awarded 10 points as allowed in 1200.C.ii, as well as an additional 18 points as allowed in 1200.C.iii, for a total of 28 points.*

### Rule 1300: Percentage Doe of Excellence Award

- A. *Animal eligibility*
- i. *The Percentage Doe of Excellence Award Program is open to ABGA registered Percentage (50% through 88%) Does.*
  - ii. *Any animal owned by an individual whose membership has been denied or revoked is ineligible for the Percentage Doe of Excellence Award.*
  - iii. *Eligible percentage does must meet the requirements for points earned as described under Point Requirements shown below.*
  - iv. *Registered percentage does may earn points for their dam and themselves through ABGA sanctioned shows.*
  - v. *Registered Purebred (15/16 or higher) female progeny may contribute points to their dam. They may not earn points for themselves for this award.*
  - vi. *Percentage bucks (less than 31/32) may earn points for their dam through ABGA approved Performance Gain Tests if the following requirements are met:*
    - a. *Progeny must have an ABGA Record of Pedigree.*
    - b. *The Performance Test must be conducted in accordance with ABGA Performance Test Rules and Regulations (Rule 1200).*



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- c. The performance test average (ADG) for bucks entered is required to be greater than or equal to 3/10 (.3) pounds per day in order for points to be awarded.
- d. Points will be awarded to a Percentage Boer buck according to the following point chart:

ABGA Percentage Performance Test Points										
# ABGA Percentage Bucks on Test	ADG Rank Among ABGA Percentage Bucks on Test									
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
1 to 3	1									
4 to 5	2	1								
6 to 7	3	2	1							
8 to 9	4	3	2	1						
10	5	4	3	2	1					
11 to 25	10	5	4	3	2	1				
26 to 50	15	10	5	4	3	2	1			
51 to 100	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1		
101 to 175	25	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1	
176 or more	30	25	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1

- vii. Progeny is defined as direct offspring of the Percentage Doe resulting from natural breeding, artificial insemination, or embryo transfer.
- B. Point Requirements
- i. The percentage doe will be required to have a combined total of one hundred (100) points earned by the doe and her progeny.
  - ii. A minimum of 15 points must be earned by at least two progeny, with a minimum of five (5) points each.
  - iii. Points earned by male progeny through ABGA Performance Tests will be awarded to the doe.
  - iv. Points will be awarded to the doe and/or percentage female progeny under the Points Award rules for ABGA Sanctioned Shows and ABGA National Shows as follows:
    - a. A formal show report containing the animals' names, ABGA registration numbers, tattoos, the total number of animals exhibited in the show and in each class shall be completed by the show secretary and submitted to the ABGA office within 30 days of the show.
    - b. The overall Grand and Reserve Champions of ABGA sanctioned show will receive additional points correlating with the total number animals exhibited in their gender division.
    - c. Junior, Yearling, and Senior Division Champions shall receive additional points based on the number of animals exhibited in their gender division.
    - d. Points earned since July 1, 2004 will count toward this award.
    - e. Points will be awarded as shown in the following Percentage Doe Sanctioned Show Points Chart:

ABGA Class Points						
# Exhibited in Class	Placing in Class					
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
1 to 3	1					
4 to 5	2					
6 to 7	3					
8 to 9	4					
10	5					
11 to 25	10	5				
26 to 50	15	10	5			
51 to 100	20	15	10	5		
101 to 175	25	20	15	10	5	
176 or more	30	25	20	15	10	5

Division Champion Points		
# Exhibited in Percentage Gender Division	Overall Grand Champion	Overall Reserve Champion
1 to 25	3	1
26 to 50	5	2
51 or more	10	5

Overall Champion Points		
# Exhibited in Percentage Gender Division	Overall Grand Champion	Overall Reserve Champion
1 to 10	5	2
11 to 25	10	5
26 to 50	15	10
51 to 100	20	15
101 to 175	25	20
176 or more	30	25

- C. Inspection Requirement
- i. No inspection will be required of the percentage doe or progeny.



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### Rule 1301: ABGA Sire of Merit Award

#### A. Animal Eligibility

- i. The ABGA Sire of Merit Award is open to the following categories of animals:
  - a. Fullblood bucks registered with ABGA.
  - b. American Purebred (31/32 or higher) bucks registered with ABGA.
- ii. Any animal owned by an individual whose membership has been denied or revoked is ineligible for the ABGA Sire of Merit Award.

#### B. Eligible Progeny

- i. Percentage female progeny registered in the ABGA Percentage Herd Book as 50% through 88%, which meet the requirements for points earned in ABGA sanctioned shows as described under Points Requirements shown below.
- ii. Percentage bucks may earn points for their sire through an ABGA approved Performance Gain Test, if the following requirements are met:
  - a. Progeny must have an ABGA Record of Pedigree.
  - b. The Performance Test must be conducted in accordance with ABGA Performance Test Rules and Regulations (Rule 1200).
  - c. The performance test average (ADG) for bucks entered is required to be greater than or equal to 3/10 (.3) pounds per day in order for points to be awarded.
  - d. *Points will be awarded to a Percentage Boer buck according to the following point chart:*

ABGA Percentage Performance Test Points										
# ABGA Percentage Bucks on Test	ADG Rank Among ABGA Percentage Bucks on Test									
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
1 to 3	1									
4 to 5	2	1								
6 to 7	3	2	1							
8 to 9	4	3	2	1						
10	5	4	3	2	1					
11 to 25	10	5	4	3	2	1				
26 to 50	15	10	5	4	3	2	1			
51 to 100	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1		
101 to 175	25	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1	
176 or more	30	25	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1

- iii. Progeny is defined as direct offspring of the buck produced through natural service, artificial insemination or embryo transfer procedure.

#### C. Point Requirements

- i. A Fullblood Buck or an American Purebred Buck can not contribute individual points toward this award.
- ii. The eligible percentage progeny of a sire will be required to earn a total of one hundred (100) points for the sire to earn this award
- iii. A minimum of five (5) female progeny must earn a minimum of five (5) points each of the one hundred (100) total points required.
- iv. Points at an ABGA sanctioned show will be awarded based on the placing of animals exhibited in each class by an ABGA judge
- v. Points will be awarded according to the ABGA Sanctioned Show Points Chart under Rule 1400.
- vi. An exhibitor must present a valid ABGA registration certificate at time of show for tracking of points.
- vii. Points will be awarded to the eligible female progeny under the Points Award Rule for ABGA sanctioned shows with the following exception:
- viii. Female progeny will not receive extra points from the ABGA National Show. Placing points from the ABGA National Show will be awarded.
- ix. A formal show report containing the animals' names, ABGA registration numbers, tattoos, the total number of animals exhibited in the show and in each class shall be completed by the show secretary and submitted to the ABGA office within 30 days of the show
- x. Points earned by eligible progeny after January 1, 2008, will be counted toward the Sire of Merit Award.



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- D. Inspection
  - i. No inspection of progeny will be required